GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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AID TO TERRORISTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group of the American Security has found that the terrorists in India get aid from the Madrasas in Karachi as reported in Dainik Jagaran dated March 31, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken up the issue with American and Pakistani authorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of these authorities in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The Government are aware of a report entitled "Pakistan: Karachi's Madrasas and Violent Extremism" by an organisation called "International Crisis Group", that mentions jihadi fighters being trained and dispatched by Karachi's Madrasas to India and other countries.

(b)−(d) Government of India are committed to combating terrorism. The Government have an ongoing dialogue at various levels with both US and Pakistan in this regard. With the US, a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism has been established to address issues of concern and to discuss the ways to counter the menace of terrorism. With Pakistan, a Joint-Anti-terrorism Mechanism has been established to identify and implement counter- terrorism initiatives and investigations. The Government have been consistently taking up the issue of cross-border terrorism with Pakistan in bilateral meetings at various levels and Pakistan has been reminded consistently of the commitment made by President Musharraf in the joint press statement of 06.01.04 not to allow any territory under its control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.